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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Stepped Polycrystalline Diamond Compact Insert, the specification of which is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, and claims.

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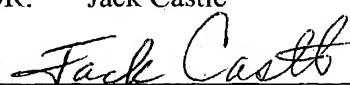
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